



# OUTTRAY

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## CONGRATULATIONS

**Veronica Davies**, Akela of Algoa Sea Scout Cubs, has been appointed to the position of AAC - Cub Programme. We thank you for your dedication and wish you all of the best, Veronica.

**Lenny Gardner**, TS of 2nd Kabega, has been awarded the Scout Wood Badge. Congratulations, Lenny.

## A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE AREA COMMISSIONER

Dear Cubs, Scouts, Scouters and Scouting Friends.

Another year has passed us by. It has been an extremely good year in that we have seen a phenomenal growth in our numbers. The Commissioners in the rural parts of our Province have done a fantastic job in recruiting boys, girls and adults into the Movement. In most instances our numbers have trebled and this has exceeded all our expectations. The dedication and enthusiasm that these uniformed people have shown as well as the co-operation that we received from the Sports, Recreation, Arts and Culture Department is commendable.

2002 will be an even bigger challenge. We will have to pull out all the stops to keep ahead of the demand we are experiencing to become part of the Scout Movement.

I sincerely trust that this coming festive season will bring joy to you and your family and that 2002 will be an even greater year.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS and a PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR to you all.

**Ernie Pike**  
Area Commissioner

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

30 November	Cub Carol Service, P.E.
10-19 December	SANJAMB 2001, Vaal Dam, Gauteng

### 2002

02-12 January	7th Gilcoast PLTU, Gilwood, East London
25-28 April	POW WOW, Cape Eastern
July	36th World Scout Conference/ 8th World Youth Forum, Greece
28 Dec-07 Jan 2003	20th World Jamboree, Thailand

## GILWOOD WARDEN SHOT

Mike Richards, our warden at the Gilwood Scout Camp in East London, was shot in the face by the gardener employed to mow the lawns at Gilwood, after an altercation on Saturday 3rd November. Fortunately the 2 bullets went through the side of the Mike's face. After a spell in St Dominic's Hospital he is recovering at home but will need corrective surgery to his jaw and palate in due course. All at Scouting, wish Mike a speedy recovery from this unfortunate incident.

Mike, while he was Adult Leader Trainer of the Area was "founder" and first editor of OUTTRAY for many years.

## TOUGHEES NATIONAL CHALLENGE CARE BAGS

The Toughees National Challenge for 2001 included a project - "Care Bags". Having received a large donation of bags, it was decided at a See-O-Ne meeting to issue the Care Bags to all the Cubs just before the June/July holidays, during which time they would use their pocket money to fill the bags with school stationery items and then donate them to a local farm school. 1st West End Pack Scouters, Nancy and Preston, both teachers at the Coega Primary School, identified the pupils there as being deserving recipients of the care bags. Many families at Coega are unemployed and have also been relocated due to the proposed Coega Development.



*Coega Primary School pupils receive care bags from cubs*

Although Cubs from 1st West End, Algoa, 1st Newton Park, 1st Walmer, 1st Sunridge, 1st Lorraine, St. Croix and 1st Uitenhage (SOE) had participated in the project, only Cubs from West End, Algoa and Newton Park, and Akela Belinda from Sunridge, braved a very cold and wet September Saturday to travel to Wells Estate (to where the families have been relocated). In pouring rain and a sea of mud the group was welcomed by school principal Mr Mpati and met some of the pupils. More than 100 care bags were handed over.

**Jan Hopkins**

## NEWS FROM THE REGIONS

### Eastern Region

A combined investiture took place in the Maclear/Ugie districts on the 23rd August at the Mbidlana JS School. 18 Scouts from the Mbidlana Group and 24 Cubs from the Msobomvu Group were invested.

On the 25th September a further 31 Cubs and 26 Scouts from the Jongimizi Group were invested. These investitures took place under the watchful eyes of Patience Vili and Vuyani Gibson.

**Patience Vili**

### South Eastern Region

On the 17th October 30 Cubs and 41 Scouts from the Bottoman Group were invested.



*Scouter Goniwe with the Bottoman Pack.*



*Bottoman Scouts invested on 17 October with Scouter Lulebe*

From 25 to 27th May 31 Scouts from the Nzima and Macibe Troop went on a joint camp with their Scouters, N. Kelepu and N. Mlonyeni. During the course of this camp the boys

made a water container complete with a tap and it was put to good use during the camp.

On the 25th September an investiture of 24 Cubs from the Dyantyi Pack took place. In attendance were the boys parents, their Pack Scouter – Ms Tshefu, Matthew Reve and Skutha Mndai

**Matthew Reve**



*Water tap made by scouts and used at camp*



*Nzima & Macibe with scouters N. Kelepu and N. Mlonyeni*

### E.G. Kei Region

An Introduction to Adult Leadership course was held in Lusikisiki for 8 Pack Scouters and 17 troop Scouters with Euginia Njwambe as Course Director

## 2001 CENCUS OF OUR SCHOOL GROUPS

REGION	GROUPS	CUBS	SCOUTS	ADULTS	
				Male	Female
EG Kei	48	1171	1440	24	46
Eastern	19	341	434	9	19
South Eastern	15	264	329	10	15
Central	62	923	891	17	73
Western	3	10	45	5	3
Northern	1	0	18	1	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>2709</b>	<b>3157</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>156</b>



## GILWELL REUNION 2001

The Gilwell Reunion at Gilwood, East London, on Saturday 1st September coincided with the Port Alfred Scout Group's AGM on Friday 31st August, so naturally Hilary and I combined the two events and made a weekend of it. On the Friday afternoon we travelled to Port Alfred where the AGM was, as usual, a splendid affair with an interesting guest speaker from the NSRI. Beautifully made trophies were awarded to Cubs and Scouts and the guests were served a spread of eats "to die for". Hilary and I, together with Jeff and Kathy, stayed over in Port Alfred before travelling on to East London and were invited to join the Port Alfred committee in celebrating Roz's birthday at a local restaurant. What a fabulous evening we all had, THANK YOU. And what a relief it was to be able to relax in the comfort offered at FIRST STOP B&B. (More info elsewhere). After a good night's sleep, and a huge breakfast, we continued on our journey.

The Gilwell Reunion commenced with one of Mike's famous huge lunches (oh, our poor stomachs). The afternoon was pleasantly spent under the shade of the trees at Gilwood, learning about tree types and identification from Janet Webber, a grand old lady of over 80 years. There wasn't anything she could not tell us about trees. Janet was ably assisted by Kobus who was so impressed with Scouting that he wanted to know how he could become a Scouter! Still under the shade of the trees, our stomachs were topped up again with huge home-made scones, jam and cream, washed down with tea and coffee. Our next visitor was a bit more energetic, demonstrating his new invention – an alien vegetation remover that makes root removal child's play!!

By now the afternoon sun was going down, so we all moved through to the Chapel for a Scouts Own during which Lenny Gardner, Troop Scouter from 2nd Kabega, was invested into the 1st Gilwell Park Group when he was awarded his Scout Wood Badge - WELL DONE AND CONGRATULATIONS LENNY. Then it was time to assemble for dinner which, as it usually is at Gilwood, was a true culinary delight, interrupted only by some very interesting "toasts". Guest speaker, Pastor Bruce Davie, a former member of 1st Cambridge, kept us entertained with his tales of how he hitched a ride to the United States in a most unique fashion. Bruce is now back in South Africa and is Pastor of the Cambridge Baptist Church.

The evening was rounded off, unfortunately, with farewells. It was perhaps one of the smallest gatherings of the 1st Gilwell Park Group, but they do say the best things come in small parcels and this year's Reunion was no exception. Thank you to Mike and Winnie, Beauty, your Scouts and your team of helpers. Thank you for a Reunion to remember.

**Jan Hopkins and Hilary Graham**

### FIRST STOP B&B

FIRST STOP offers B&B or Self Catering at very reasonable rates, safe parking, luxurious accommodation and is just across the road from Beavers Pies on the road into Port Alfred.

Contact phone number and more information available from Pat at the Scout Shop.

## SACRAMENTO TRAIL CHALLENGE

On Saturday 8 September Cubs from 1st Newton Park and 1st Sunridge Boy and Girl Packs converged on Schoenmakerskop to walk the Sacramento Trail. The weather was absolutely wonderful and it was great to see so many parents walking along with us. We met outside the Sacramento Tea Garden with great excitement, plus a few worries that it was so far to walk. At 10H30 we all set out.

The Cubs were given a Scavenger Hunt list on which they were to answer questions as they went along. They also had to collect specific things. It was great to see the Cubs having such fun.

It took about 2 hours to walk to Sardinia Bay and when we arrived some were very, very tired. The group enjoyed lunch and refreshments and then the fun began with the girls challenging the boys to beach cricket. The girls decided to bat first and they made a magnificent score.

Nobody actually knew what the right score was but, however, the boys set out to score a ton. In the end the boys somehow miscalculated and the game ended in a draw, much to the excitement of the girls. Better luck next time.



*Happy hikers on the Sacramento Trail*

Some of the Cubs decided to build sandcastles while others, under the supervision of their parents, decided to brave the cold water and paddle. None of the Akelas or parents were brave enough to swim. At the end of the day everyone was very exhausted but, despite that, they had all enjoyed the day thoroughly.

**Jenni Bubb**

**Pack Scouter – 1st Sunridge Girl Pack**

## SKILKANA 2001

When you hit on a winning formula, stick with it, and that is exactly what the 1st Uitenhage (SOE) Scout Group has done since past Troop Scouter Athol Stow introduced Skilkana as part of the Group's 60th Anniversary celebrations in 1988.

What is Skilkana? Fun bases for Cubs and Scouts to test their skills in performing tasks in the shortest possible time, or trying to obtain the highest score. Some bases are more Scouting orientated – such as knots, lashings, lifesaving, Kim's game and billy boiling. Others are pure fun – such as water relay, bean bag relay, chariot race and egg throw.

Thank you to the many Cubs, Scouts and Scouters who supported Skilkana, thereby providing a record attendance of 91 scouts in 15 patrols and 76 cubs in 19 teams. Troops included Aston Bay, St.Croix, 1st Sunridge, Algoa Boys and





*Cub Tug-O-War Champs - 1st Lorraine*

Girls, 1st Newton Park, 1st Cotswold, 1st Humewood, St. Columba's and 1st Uitenhage (SOE). Packs included 1st Walmer, St. Croix Girls, 1st Lorraine, Algoa Boys and Algoa Phao (girls), 1st Cotswold, 1st Sunridge Boys and Girls, 1st Newton Park and 1st Uitenhage (SOE). T S Johan van Rooyen extends his thanks to all the Scouters who manned Scout bases and especially to the Rovers who offered their assistance, namely Kathy Douglas, Glen Purdon and Mark Akers. And the results were?



*Cub Skillkana Champs 1st Sunridge Girls with Akela Jenni Bubb*

Tug-O- War (Scouts)  
Tug-O-War (Cubs)  
Skillkana (Scouts)

1st	Algoa Boys
2nd	1ST Lorraine
3rd	1st Uitenhage (SOE)
1st	St.Columba's Eagle Patrol
2nd	Algoa Penguin Patrol
1st	1st Sunridge Girls
2nd	1st Sunridge Girls <i>tied with</i>
	1st Uitenhage (SOE).



*Scout Skillkana Winners - 1st Uitenhage (SOE)*

## 1ST NEWTON PARK CUBS' JOTA OUTING

Nothing was organised locally for Cubs for JOTA, so 1st Newton Park decided to "do their own thing", and what a great time they had. The Cubs decided to walk the Roseate Tern Trail in the Cape Recife Nature Reserve and "check out the lighthouse". We met at the entrance to the reserve bright and early on Saturday morning so we could get most of the way before the sun became too hot. But the weather was kind to us and remained overcast and windy to keep us cool.



*Building Sandcastles*

At the Bird Hide we saw a couple of Kingfishers and too many ducks. On with our walk, and the next amazing sight was Akela slipping in the mud and ending up on her hands and knees in the sticky mud! Lots of interesting items were collected on the trek along the beach to the lighthouse, that is unfortunately only open to the public on weekdays, so the Cubs had to be content with "checking out" the outside, rolling down a few sand dunes and building a sandcastle, while Chil, Jacala and Akela enjoyed their lunch.

On the return walk we were lucky enough to see a Blue Crane on the edge of the Reserve. We also saw a group of divers in the shallow waters who the Cubs were convinced were Perlemoen Poachers, but "who knows?" After more "stuff" was collected and discarded as it got too heavy to carry, we returned to our starting point, just in time to see a police vehicle speeding into the Reserve, so again, "who knows?" We had a great time walking together. The only problem was that not more of our Cubs could have joined us at short notice due to sport commitments.

**Jan Hopkins**  
**Pack Scouter - 1st Newton Park**



*Scout Skillkana Runners Up - St. Columba's*



## CUB CRICKET CHALLENGE

The annual Cub Cricket Challenge is an event so enjoyed by the Cubs. After all, as the song goes, "We don't like cricket, we love it!" Judging by the enthusiastic Cub participation and parent support at this year's challenge on 11 November, this is another sure winner! All thanks to Lenny and Liane Gardner for organizing the cricket challenge, and to the 2nd Kabega committee for running the Tuck Shop.



*Cub Cricket Challenge Winners - 1st Uitenhage (SOE)*



*Cub Cricket Challenge Runners Up - Algoa*

1st Lorraine, 1st Uitenhage (SOE), St. Croix Boy and Girl Cubs, Algoa Boy and Girl Cubs, 1st Cotswold, 1st West End, 1st Newton Park and 1st Sunridge Boy and Girl Cubs all participated and a total of 14 teams were entered. Cricket is nail biting stuff and the Cubs always provide good entertainment. They all try so hard! But what is a batsman to do when the bowler delivers a ball that dribbles to halfway down the pitch? The clever batsman goes out and whacks it, while the timid one remains in his crease with a shy smile on his face – oops, no runs! Cub cricket provides plenty of those dribbling balls!

The semi finals saw 1st Lorraine take on 1st Uitenhage (SOE) while Algoa Boys faced a combined Algoa/St. Croix team. Algoa Boys and 1st Uitenhage (SOE) made it through to the finals and it was the Uitenhage team who secured the trophy. Well done to all who participated in true Cubbing spirit.

## OUTTRAY ON THE INTERNET

You can now download a copy of the Outtray, in colour, over the Internet. Current and past issues are now available at:

<http://come.to/mlitho>

You will need a copy of Adobe Acrobat Reader - this can be downloaded over the Internet as well, just follow the links.

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

All Cubs and their Leaders at 1st Newton Park wish all Boy and Girl Cubs in the Cape Eastern Area a very HAPPY CHRISTMAS, a fun school holiday and lots of nice goodies to eat, but don't get sick!! We had fun this year and look forward to more fun next year, and to making new friends, especially with all the new Packs opening up.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Love from 1<sup>st</sup> Newton Park Cubs xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

The Cubs of 1<sup>st</sup> Uitenhage (SOE), Scouters Hilda and Ivan, Pack Helpers Heather Rikki and Heather Chil, extend to all in Scouting sincere greetings for a very Happy Christmas and best wishes for a New Year of health and prosperity.

### To all in Scouting,

May your Christmas be filled with peace, love and joy and may the New Year bring you happiness.

Best wishes throughout the season from  
Heather and Peter McEwan and family.

Wishing all the Scouters from the South Eastern Region a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year -  
from Matthew Reve and Skutha Mndai

## POW WOW FUNDRAISING - TRIVIAL PURSUIT EVENING

The sum of R880 was raised at this event amid a great deal of shouting and fun. The winning team from Cotswold proved that age and wisdom do go together!! The runners-up were "Noisy Park". We need to give special thanks to the following places for their contribution to a very successful evening.

**Barneys at Lorraine Gardens** for hosting us and running the Trivial Pursuit Game.

**Summerstrand Inn** for a voucher for a "Buffet breakfast for two". This voucher has already been cashed in by Cathy Corby who reported that the food was wonderful and the service excellent. Real hospitality from the heart.

**Galaxy Jewellers** for a R100 gift voucher - won by Richard von Well. Galaxy have quality jewellery at affordable prices. **Maxies** on the Bridge for 2 x R20 meal vouchers. They have super meals there and their coffee and muffins are very good.

Scouters - I hope you will support these businesses as they have shown that they support scouting.

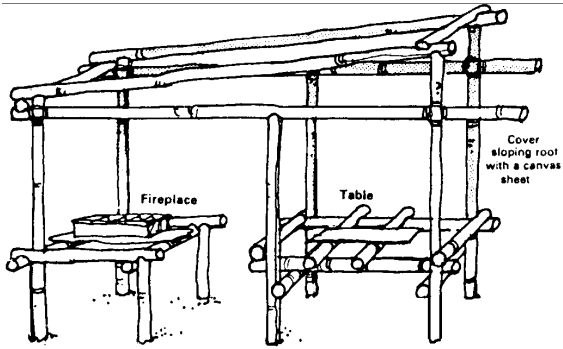
To all the other spot prizes donated by individuals - thank you very very much. Thank you Cyndi Forsyth our Pow Wow Fundraiser for all your hard work.

With regard to Pow Wow - the dates are 25 - 27 April 2002. The venue is Woodridge School. So far the expected number of guests is 110 but this is not confirmed and does not include anyone from Cape Eastern. The maximum we will be able to accommodate is 150 at this stage so we are going to be a tight squeeze by the looks of it. The "teams" are working hard at preparations, but fundraising is still a concern. I want to remind all the groups of the R2000 per group challenge. So far I have raised R300 by selling coffee and cake in the Scout shop on Fridays - my personal target of R400 should be reached by the end of the year. Come on everyone - if I can do it then so can you!!

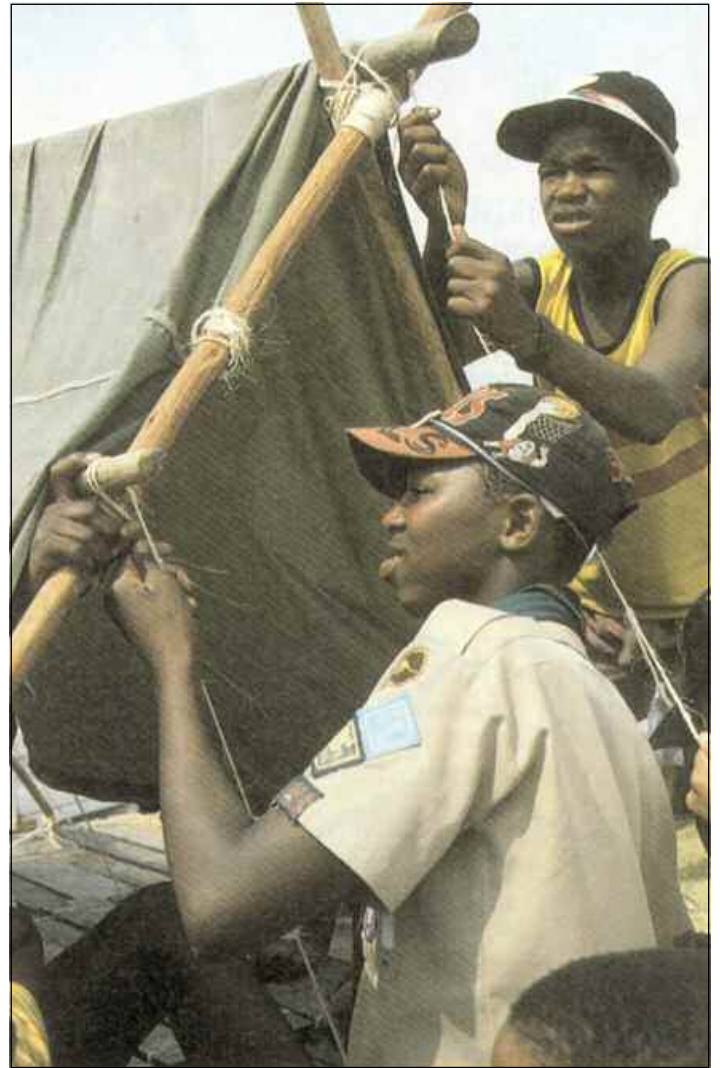
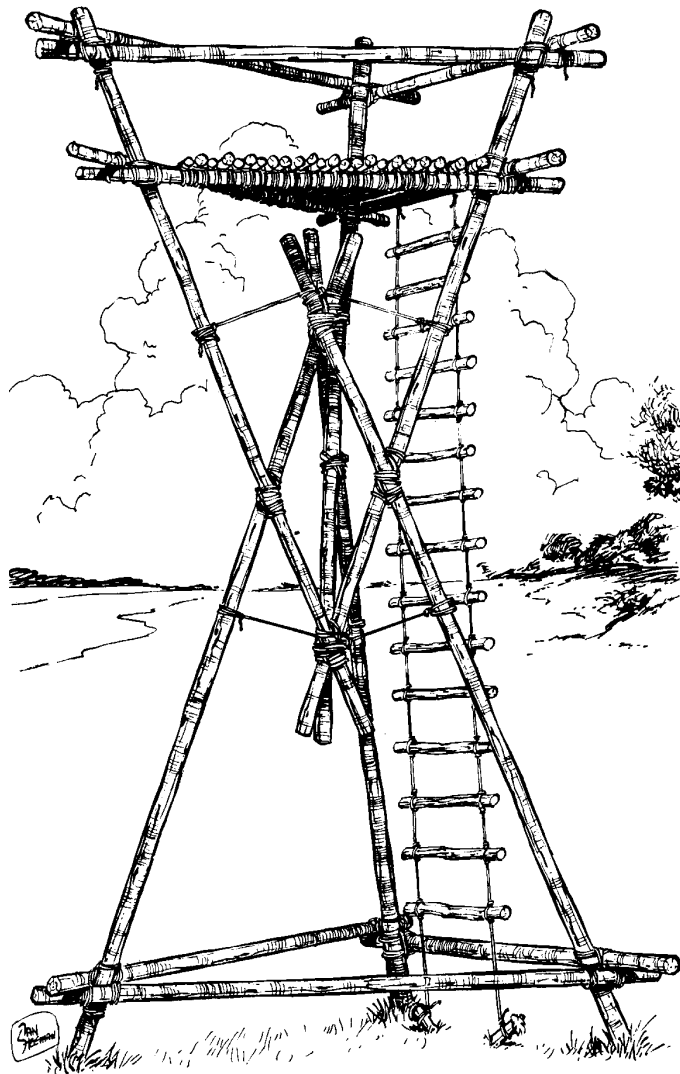
**Pat Minnaar - Pow Wow Co-ordinator**

## SUMMER TIME IS CAMPING TIME!

Even if you can't afford a fancy Store Bought tent, make your own. Look what these South African scouts have made.



*You don't have to be uncomfortable in camp, build yourself a covered kitchen using staves and square lashings.*



*Ack Scouting Magazine December 1997 - Scouting Netherlands.*

Camping is what Scouting is all about - Learn to be self-sufficient - Learn to cook well over an open fire - You can even build an oven in camp and bake bread or cakes!!

On the left you see a diagram of a signalling tower, also built out of rough poles - use a Figure-of-eight lashing at the end of the two tripods, invert one and all the other lashings are square lashings. Use good rope for these lashings as this is quite a large structure and with Scouts climbing up on it, you must think of their safety.

Ack.: Veld Lore for both these sketches.

## TREES FOR PEACE PROJECT

Robin Forte, a 4th grade Junior Girl Scout of troop #279 in Massachusetts, has invited Scout Groups in South Africa to join in a healing project by planting a tree honouring those who died in the 11 September tragedies in America. In the past month, promises of participation have been received from scout troops in India, Brazil, New Zealand, Belgium, Qatar, Poland, South Africa, Turkey, England, Japan and Australia.

Robin writes: "Please be part of this living memorial project with us. If you choose to be part of this project, help us keep track. E-mail us at [Iforte@fastdial.net](mailto:Iforte@fastdial.net)"

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